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- 2. Japanese patent publication no. 10-292053.
- 3. Japanese patent publication no. 6-192563.
- 4. Japanese patent publication no. 4-168142.
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- 6. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239547.
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- 9. Japanese patent publication no. 4-239558.
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